

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 28-32 and 34-36.

The Examiner rejects to the Specification in that reference number 148 does not appear in the drawings. Applicant has amended the Specification to change this reference number to 144.

The Examiner first objects to claim 2 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 8. Claim 2 has been canceled.

The Examiner next rejects claim 33 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the inventive subject matter. Claim 33 has been amended as recommended by the Examiner.

The Examiner next rejects claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Pennline, et al., '021 taken together with Bhat, et al., '323 and further in view of Mazurkiewicz '649 and claims 1-3, 5-12, and 14-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Hammel, et al., '368 taken together with Bhat, et al., '323 and further in view of Mazurkiewicz '649.

These rejections have been rendered moot by the cancellation of claims 1-18.

Applicant has added new claims 37-53, which are based on allowed claims 28-32 and 34-36. Consideration of these claims will therefore not require additional searching by the Examiner and entry of these claims is requested by the Applicant.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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